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Senator Agard Calls for WEC's Bob Spindell to Resign

MADISON – Today, Senate Democrats and community leaders called for the resignation of Wisconsin Election Commissioner Bob Spindell after he celebrated successful voter suppression efforts in the 2022 election. Last week, it came to light that Senate Republican appointment to the Wisconsin Elections Commission, Bob Spindell, sent an email stating that Republicans 'can be especially proud of the City of Milwaukee (80.2% Dem Vote) casting 37,000 less votes than cast in the 2018 election with the major reduction happening in the overwhelming Black and Hispanic areas.' Senator Democratic Leader Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

"Wisconsin Election Commissioner Bob Spindell is celebrating voter suppression in the light of day, celebrating that efforts to undermine the democratic process in one of Wisconsin's most diverse cities was successful. Bob not only recently applauded lower voter turnout amongst minority groups, he also served as a fake elector for Donald Trump after the former president lost his 2020 re-election bid.

"Bob's motives are clear and for the sake of our democracy, he has absolutely no business serving on the commission charged with administering Wisconsin's elections and supporting more than hundreds of county and municipal clerks. He is unfit to serve the people of our great state and he must immediately resign.

"Unlike Bob Spindell's efforts to thwart voter participation, my Democratic colleagues and I know that every eligible voter should be empowered to cast a ballot in each election. Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy and Wisconsin's elections must remain free, fair, and accessible."

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